

## PICUS PILEATUS.



### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* polyedrum, rectum, apice cuneato.  
*Nares* pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.  
*Lingua* teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mu-  
cronata, apice retrorsum aculeata setis.  
*Pedes* scansorii.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PICUS niger, crista rubra, temporibus alisque  
albis maculis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 173.

### PICUS Virginianus PILEATUS.

*Briss. av. 4.* p. 29.

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Pico qui *principalis* appellatur seu *albirostris*, af-  
finis admodum est picus pileatus; paulo tamen mi-  
nor, alium quoque habet colorem rostri. In America  
septentrionali generatus amat præcipue Carolinam  
et Virginiam. Arbores grandiores terebrando ex-  
cavare, triticoque Indico, qnod *Maiz* dicitur, non  
leve damnum solet inferre. Magnitudine fere cor-  
vum vulgarem æquat.

## PILEATED WOODPECKER.



### GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* polyedral, strait, wedge-shaped towards the tip.

*Nostrils* covered by recumbent setaceous feathers.

*Tongue* worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed and edged towards the tip with reversed bristles.

*Feet* scansorial.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Black WOODPECKER, with red crest, and the temples and wings marked by white spots.

Larger crested WOODPECKER.

*Catesb. Carol.* 1. pl. 17.

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*Penn. Arct. Zool.* p. 269.

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This species is very nearly allied to the *Picus principalis* or White-billed Woodpecker, but is of rather smaller size, and has a bill of a different colour. It is a native of North America, and is particularly



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ticularly found in Carolina and Virginia, where it forms excavations in the larger trees, and is also said to make considerable havoc among the plantations of maize or Indian corn. In size it is not much inferior to a Crow.